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DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL DECONTAINMENT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation have developeda nuclear, biological and chemical decontainment system;

(b) whether this system has been provided to army men posted at border areas;

(c) whether this system is also proposed to be supplied to civilians; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. A number of decontamination systems primarily meant for decontamination of chemical agents have been developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation.These are Personal Decontamination kit (PDK), Portable Decontamination Apparatus (PDA), Decontamination solution and Mobile Decontamination system (MDS).

(b) Three items namely Personal Decontamination kit (PDK), Portable Decontamination Apparatus (PDA) and Decontaminatior solution have been supplied to the Army. Supply of Mobile Decontamination System is in progress to the Army.

(c) These Decontamination Systems are available to anybody through the trade.

(d) The Personal Decontamination kit (PDK) is meant for decontaminating the contaminated areas such as exposed body parts, clothing, gloves, overboots etc. against chemical agents. Decontamination solution is a chemical formulation used for decontamination of chemical agents. Portable Decontamination Apparatus is used for decontamination of small surface areas of vehicles, equipment etc. The Mobile Decontamination System is used for large area decontamination of terrain, vehicles, equipment and personnel.